

Christian St. 'Y' Hopes Structure To Aid 1000 Negro Boys Costs Over \$1 Million

By JOSEPH V. BAKER

Approximately 950 worthy but underprivileged Negro boys were given free membership in the Christian Street Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association by an interracial group of business and professional men last year, according to Milton Washington, executive secretary of the South Philadelphia unit.

The YMCA has announced a goal of 1000 such memberships as a part of its 1950 drive, which began Sunday.

Under the terms of the memberships, boys living in any section of the city and of any race are eligible. The privileges include access to the organization's spacious gymnasium and game rooms, an expanded program of water sports and instruction in languages by part-time workers who donate their services. The Christian st. unit offers the only program of its kind in South Philadelphia and for years was the only YMCA branch into which a Negro boy could go with complete access to facilities.

2500 MEMBERS SOUGHT

The South Philadelphia branch will seek upward of 2500 members in the next 10 days. Its approximately 200 active members makes it one of the most representative small branches in the country. With an interracial mixed board of managers, the Christian st. "Y" operates without discrimination and has made its program available to boys and men employed in industry for a number of years.

The organization's plan of underwritten memberships which are given with the cooperation of church and school authorities, has been widely credited with having reduced juvenile stress, not only in its immediate section but throughout the city. The facility's swimming pool, conceded wholly inadequate for the heavy demand upon it, is used extensively by Negro boys from as far away as Germantown.

AID STUDENT SWIMMERS

The branch also has been called upon, until recently, to supply swimming facilities for Negro students in the public school system. This also was true of Negro girls in the school system.

The year's worthy boys' memberships are supported by a special committee which includes Clewell Sykes, president of the Yellow Cab Co.; Dr. Leslie P. Hill, president of

Cheyney State Teachers College; David N. Phillips, assistant to the president of the Philadelphia Transportation Co.; Harold L. Pilgrim, chairman of the Bureau for Colored Children; John K. West, vice president RCA-Victor, and E. A. Roberts, president of the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Co.

GRID PLAYERS ACTIVE

Widely competitive, the 1950 membership effort is entitled "America's Enterprise Unlimited," and includes 350 workers. Dr. Leroy H. Jenkins, well-known North Philadelphia civic leader, will head the drive, with 35 division and group heads seeking to win a number of incentive prizes. Among the latter is a television set which will be given the branch in the name of the winning team by RCA.

Washington said that Robert Evans, former Roman Catholic High School football star, who is expected to be the first Negro to make the University of Pennsylvania varsity, was active in the Christian st. program for a number of years. Evans, who may play tackle on the Penn squad, is looked upon by "Y" officials as a model in his activities at the South Philadelphia "Y".

In addition, Edward Bell, also a Penn student who will make an eventual bid for a regular assignment, was active in the Christian st. physical program which completes upward of 10,000 services a year. Commenting upon this Washington said:

"Robert Evans and Edward Bell are only two of thousands of young men who have shown the constructive results which follow participation in programs such as are offered by our organization. There are still hundreds who must be given every possible opportunity to find clean and healthful expression for their fine talents. At Christian st. we see scores of these young men developing and our entire program is geared to their fruition."

The new million dollar Washington Park YMCA will have a cornerstone laying program Sunday, Sept. 10, at 3 p.m. The program will be directed by Asby B. Carter, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Illinois. Carter will be assisted by O. E. Vanderburg, D.G.M.; J. Harold White, Grand Secretary and, Edward Davis, Grand Lecturer.

In addition to the above, distinguished masonic leaders, Congressman William L. Dawson, Corneal Davis, Judge Wendell E. Green, Judge "Duke" Slater, Stanton De Priest, Dr. James W. Eichelberger and Rev. Joseph Evans will attend ceremony. Music will be furnished by the Knights Templar Band, under the direction of John W. Thompson.

The principal address will be made by Alderman Archibald Carey of the Third Ward, in which the Washington Park building is located. A. W. Williams, chairman of Wabash Avenue YMCA board of directors, will officiate as master of ceremonies. He will be assisted by W. Ellis Stewart, E. M. Graham and Arthur B. Knight. Greetings will be brought from the YMCA of Chicago by S. L. Hypes, president of the YMCA, and Jeffrey R. Short, chairman of the board of trustees of the YMCA of Chicago.

The new building is well under way, and from all indications will be completed by the latter part of this year. Anyone passing Michigan or Indiana ave., at 50th st., can easily detect the progress that is being made in this great million dollar structure for the youth of the Southside.

From all reports, it will be one of the finest buildings in Chicago and will be in the position to serve thousands of young people who are in need of the YMCA. The Wabash Avenue board of directors has been busy on this project since 1945 and are receiving great satisfaction because they can see a dream fulfilled. A large crowd is expected for the ceremony.

Negro YMCA Here Builds Strong Character in Youth

Building Christian character among youths and adults in the major aim of the Negro branch YMCA at 521 Ninth street.

The YMCA, beginning its 46th year of community service, is one of the city's busiest corners.

More than 600 youths are participating in character-building programs in 23 YMCA-sponsored clubs at eight Negro schools.

Eight to 17-year-old students are now active in Gra-Y club for boys and Tri-Gra-Y clubs for girls in the grade schools. In Junior high school it is the Junior Hi-Y for boys and Junior Hi-

Tri-Y for girls. The branch YMCA's senior department has its Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y to keep youngsters usefully employed.

The branch YMCA has 30 beds in 20 rooms, providing housing facilities at present for 16 boys and keeping other accommodations for those passing through the city.

The establishment has the only gymnasium and swimming pool in Columbus which provides facilities for Negro adults and youths.

15 Community Clubs

An average of 15 community clubs center their activities around the facilities offered at the branch YMCA.

As one of the 17 Community Chest agencies, the Ninth street YMCA will join Nov. 1 in appealing for the \$185,881 needed during 1951.

If the full quota is reached, the Ninth Street YMCA is scheduled to receive \$14,000. Even more is needed. And Community Chest officials say the full quota is essential to keep the agencies alive.

The YMCA physical program includes basketball leagues to be formed in November. The YMCA will organize an Industrial league and a Junior league, providing sports competition for 26 teams, complete with three tournaments for championships at junior, grade, and high schools.

Touch football is now under way and the YMCA has issued new uniforms to stimulate pride among a host of scrappy contenders.

Upwards of a dozen softball teams work under YMCA sponsorship in summer and while weather is warm, the pool is

open for a swimming program in conjunction with the Red Cross water carnivals, swimming meets, and co-ed splash parties. The pool is out of service in chilly weather because there's no money to provide for heating the water.

Other popular sports are track, baseball, volley ball, badminton, boxing and tennis.

Day camps were begun for the first time last summer and will be continued, with boys getting into the open to live in pup tents and do their own cooking.

A crafts shop in the basement of the three-story building provides hobby material. Recreation indoors includes billiards, ping pong, chinese checkers, darts, and table games.

Free Movies

Boys 8 to 17 are offered free movies every Saturday morning. Special classes include such activities as adult leaders councils, Christian life conferences, educational tours of various industrial plants, and calisthenics.

Forums and educational programs are conducted in schools and churches as well as at the YMCA. Youths are led in such added activities as fire and traffic safety campaigns, clean speech programs, honesty projects in schools, and child guidance clinics for parents.

To give young people vocational guidance, the YMCA brings in speakers to talk about choosing a career. Books are offered to help the youth explore the "avenues of opportunity" in today's world.

From early morning to late at night the Ninth street YMCA is host to hundreds, offering a variety of activities designed to build a healthier, fuller life.

Organized in 1905 through the efforts of George Foster Peabody, its present building was completed in 1907.

Directing activities are W. S. Douglas, executive secretary, and four full-time aides. John Kinnett is president and Bob Eubanks is secretary of the city's YMCA program of which the Ninth street unit is a branch.

The branch YMCA's committee of management includes M. R. Ashworth, chairman; G. F. Rivers, secretary; Sandy Allen, treasurer; and Theo McGee, W. J. Fielder, Dr. W. T. Ayers, John Gates, C. W. Duval, Dr. E. A. Bryant, W. R. Talley, S. P. Charleston, D. P. Nesbitt, Edgar L. Henry, The Rev. S. A. Laing,

Rev. C. C. Cloud and Dr. Leonard Cochran.

William Craver Will Retire As "Y" Secretary

HOUSTON, Texas — William Curtis Craver will retire as executive secretary of the Bagby Street YMCA this month after 30 years service with the association, 18 of them in Houston.

P. H. Holden, chairman of the branch committee of management, has appointed Quentin R. Mease as acting executive until his committee has selected a permanent successor. Mr. Mease, a graduate of George Williams College, has been a YMCA worker for 14 years and has been program secretary of the Bagby Street branch since 1948.

A testimonial dinner was to be given Mr. Craver Friday, Jan. 20, at the Antioch Baptist Church. Dr. John E. Codwell is chairman and John W. Davis the co-chairman of the committee in charge.

PRAISED FOR WORK

Robert J. Maloney, general secretary of the Houston Metropolitan Association, Thursday lauded Mr. Craver for his work.

Mr. Craver married the former Louise A. Wood of Greensboro, N. C., in 1915. Their 22-year-old daughter Nadina is the wife of an Army Air Force soldier, and their 17-year-old son is a junior at Wheatley High School.

"If I had it to do again," Mr. Craver said, "I'd do just as I have done. I'd pledge my future to the YMCA."

For the first time in its 96-year history, the St. Louis YMCA has a colored member on its metropolitan board of directors. He's Bige Wyatt, president of a cab company. . . Job discrimination in New York is decreasing, Henry Spitz, general counsel of the N.Y. State Commission Against Discrimination reports. Department stores and restaurants now employ persons on ability rather than color, he adds. . . The first African to receive the LL.B. degree from the University of Capetown is Alpheus Ndlovu, 31. He plans to practice in Port Elizabeth, thus becoming the first non-European to plead law in South Africa. . . An anthology of American poetry edited by Alfredo Casey of Buenos Aires, includes the work of 18 colored Americans. Represented are Langston Hughes, Lewis Alexander, Gwendolyn B. Bennett, Arna Bontemps, William S. Braithwaite, Sterling Brown, Richard Bruce, Joseph Cotter, Angelina W. Grimke, Countee Cullen, Waring Cuney, Paul L. Dunbar, Donald J. Hayes, Frank Horne, Gloria D. Johnson, James W. Johnson and Anne Spencer.

Butler Street 'Y' Dedicated To Better Human Relations

Negro Actor James Edwards urged an intensified application of the Golden Rule to better human relations at dedication ceremonies of the new \$70,000 annex to the Butler Street YMCA.

The star of the controversial movie, "Home of the Brave," termed the new building "a wonderful investment in insurance for future generations."

He pleaded with the 3,500 people present to "strive for brotherhood, fellowship and human understanding to build a world where every man may have the opportunity to live a fruitful life."

Edwards was introduced by T. M. Alexander, Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Butler Street Y, who presided at the program. Other speakers were George Winship, Sr., and William M. Parker, of the Metropolitan Y; Leo S. Gilbert, Executive Secretary, Atlanta Community Chest; Robert Taylor, Executive Secretary, Community Planning Council; and Wright Bryan, Editor of the Atlanta Journal.

They praised the co-operation of Atlanta Negroes and whites who worked together to raise funds that made the annex possible.

James C. Shelor, member of the Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Y, presented the keys of the new building to Warren R. Cochrane, Executive Secretary of the Butler Street Y, who expressed gratitude for the "faith, hard work and co-operation" that saw it built.

The annex, started last Summer, is designed to afford increased facilities to 5,000 paid-up

In U.S. Delegation



Matthew G. Carter, Associate Secretary of the Southwest Area Council of YMCA's, Dallas, Texas, was chosen recently by the National Council YMCA's to serve as a member of the U.S. delegation of 25 YMCA lay and secretarial leaders to the World Consultation on Boys' Work, scheduled for May 14-21 at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Twenty-one other countries will be represented.

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Dr. C. H. Tobias To Address National Y.M.C.A. Conference

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — Dr. C. H. Tobias, Educational Director of the Phelps-Stokes Fund of New York, will address the twenty-seventh Annual Conference of Y.M.C.A. Laymen and Secretaries to be held here June 29th through July 1st.

Dr. Tobias, who as Y.M.C.A. leader established this conference in 1925, will discuss the subject "The Road Ahead." The conference theme is "World Brotherhood—What is the Y.M.C.A.'s Responsibility?"

More than a hundred secretaries and laymen from twenty states have indicated their attendance at this meeting from points as distant as California, Texas, Oklahoma, Florida, Georgia and the State of Washington.

Dr. Ira De A. Reid, Director Department of Social Science, Haverford College, will deliver the key note address emphasizing the practical aspects of World Brotherhood. Other outstanding religious leaders and authorities on social and world affairs will conduct a panel session "Opportunities, Responsibilities, and Techniques for Extension of World Brotherhood" on Friday morning, June 30th.

Leading the session will be Dr. G. Kelsey, Director Church Extension Service Federal Council of Churches. Also participating will be Mrs. Ann Arnold Hedgeman, Special Assistant, The Social Security Administration, and J. L. Bethune, Program Director of the New York City Y.M.C.A.

Juan Ceriani, General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., Montivideo, Uruguay will speak on the subject, "World Brotherhood As I See It."

Mr. and Mrs. Ceriani, visiting in this country will be the special guests of the conference.

In observance of the twenty-seventh anniversary of the conference, the following founding members are expected to attend: Dr. W. R. Valentine, Bordentown, N. J. and William St. Wortham, New York, the first President and Secretary respectively. Others are Dr. L. P. Hill Cheyney, Pa.; Oliver J. Randolph, Newark, N. J.; H. K. Craft, New York; Drs. H. H. Long and C. H. Wesley, Wilberforce Ohio; Dr. W. T. Grady, Washington, D. C.; Hilmar Jensen, Wilmington, Delaware; H. H. Cain, Germantown Pa.; Henry W. Pope, New York; F. E. De Frantz, Indianapolis; J. E. Cook, St. Louis; and R. B. De Frantz, Los Angeles, California.

Bige Wyatt, member of the St. Louis Y. M. C. A. Metropolitan Board of Directors and the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. in the United States is the present president of the Conference.

Tobias Attends World Y Meet

NEW YORK — Dr. Channing Tobias sails from here on the Queen Mary July 29 for Europe where he will attend the conference of the World Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association in Denmark.

A member of the American Section, Dr. Tobias will lead one of five devotional services and will also lead the discussion on "The

of the Race Relations and the World Situation." The discussion will not only deal with the American race problem, but problems of Africans and all other colored peoples.

Another Victory

A FIVE YEAR PROGRAM of eliminating racial discrimination in the operation of the YMCA organization of the city of Chicago has now paid off, as was revealed last week.

Meeting resistance from within and without the organization, the YMCA officials have worked diligently without fanfare to accomplish their objectives. Today the doors of all the YMCA branches are open to all the residents of the neighborhoods they serve without distinction as to race or color.

Setting policy is often easy but the job of meeting hostile community attitudes calls for skill and perseverance. The YMCA board and its workers have succeeded where many others in similar efforts have failed.

We congratulate the Chicago YMCA on the progress it has made in better human relations in our city which has witnessed in recent months violent expressions of ill will and racial prejudice. The Chicago YMCA has done a job which might well be emulated by the Y organizations of other major cities across the nation.

Negroes Seek Funds For YMCA Program

Special to The News
TYLER, Texas, Nov. 9.—Tyler Negroes have launched a campaign to raise \$1,500 for employment of a Negro YMCA secretary to serve Tyler, Longview, Marshall, Hawkins, Gladewater and Kilgore.

The national YMCA has appropriated \$12,000 from its World Youth Fund to be spent in development of a YMCA program in East Texas on condition that communities served raise additional funds each year.

The six East Texas cities have been asked to contribute approximately \$5,000 this year.

A. S. Hilliard of Tyler is campaign chairman. Dr. F. E. Williams and B. J. Pryor are associate chairmen and T. R. Register treasurer. Matthew Carter of Dallas and A. W. Hardy of the national YMCA office in New York City will serve as campaign advisers.

Pine Street 'Y' Seeks \$800 for World Work

St. Louis, Mo.
Will Aid Y Work All Over World

The Pine Street Branch YMCA will, during the month of May, seek to raise \$800.00 in a city and county-wide effort to raise \$25,243.00 to promote and continue the work of the YMCA in over 74 countries of the world. There are two Negroes (Lawrence Burr in India and David N. Howell in Liberia) working as "Y" Secretaries with the World Service Program under the supervision of the International Committee of the YMCA's of the United States and Canada.

David N. Howell went to Liberia last fall after 22 years as a YMCA Secretary in Detroit, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Knoxville and the Southern Area.

Among the initial needs for this work are such items as the following: Office rent, \$1,500; stenographer \$800; stationery and supplies, \$100; program assistant, \$1,200; printing and publicity, \$200; messenger (mail service) and janitor, \$400; physical and recreational program, \$750; adult education (formal) \$250; office equipment, \$500; travel and extension, \$200.

The guiding principle of the World Service is that of helping people to help themselves. For every North American "Y" representative there at least two locally supported professional YMCA workers and 350 men who give volunteer aid on boards, committees and service projects, a total of about \$22,000. For each dollar contributed to World Service the country receiving help must give three.

Lawrence Burr and David N. Howell are doing splendid work, but our financial aid is needed to keep them there.

Members and friends of the Pine Street "Y" are invited to share in this World Service feature of the "Y" program, to demonstrate by practical application, making a donation, that they believe in the Christian forces for good for which these two men and others are dedicating their lives.

Mr. Jerry H. Rhodes, Rhodes Medical Supply Company, 4424 Easton avenue is chairman of the Pine Street World Service Committee.

Contributions to World Service should be mailed to the Pine Street Branch YMCA, 2846 Pine Street, St. Louis 3, Missouri, c/o General Program Department Office.

Tobias Sails for YM World Committee Session in Denmark

ABOARD HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH—With a three-fold mission and a "to whom it may concern" letter of introduction from the White House, Dr. Channing Tobias sailed for Europe, Saturday morning, 8-5-50.

A member of the three-man American section of the world Li-committee, YMCA, Dr. Tobias will attend the committee's plenary session in Nyborgstrand, Denmark.

Following these sessions, the Phelps-Stokes fund executive will hold conferences with government and church officials in Belgium, France, Switzerland, and London and Scotland in connection with a Phelps-Stokes project (no for increased and economic aid to Africa).

To Check Complaints of GI's
During a motor trip through Western Germany, Dr. Tobias will visit restoration camps and investigate charges which have come to him directly from close friends. These charges indicate all is not well concerning treatment of colored GI's stationed in that sector.

Although he will be observing GI conditions unofficially, Dr. Tobias will have the opportunity to see whatever he wishes to see and to command the utmost courtesy and respect from commanders because of the warm letter of introduction signed by President Truman.

One of the ranking speakers scheduled for the Denmark Y meet, Dr. Tobias stated he will define the interracial situation in the United States and "challenge the world committee to a greater participation in Africa."

DR. TOBIAS ELECTED TO WORLD Y BOARD

LONDON (ANP)—Dr. Channing H. Tobias was elected a member of the executive committee of the World Alliance of YMCA's which convened recently at Nyborg, Denmark.

Tobias Named To World "Y" Committee

LONDON—(ANP)—Dr. Channing H. Tobias, executive director of the Phelps Stokes fund, New York, was elected a member of the executive committee of the World's Alliance of Y. M. C. A.'s which convened recently at Nyborg, Denmark for its tri-ennial meet.

The committee is composed of 15 representatives from different parts of the world, and is headed by Forrester-Paton of Scotland. There is one Indian member.

During the tri-ennial convention, Dr. Tobias delivered two addresses before delegates during the tri-ennial meeting and received tremendous ovations both times.

He also served as chairman of the Study Commission No. 3, which considered world tensions under the headings of "International Relations," "Race Relations" and War. His address on "Race Relationships" is to be published in full in the official report of the conference.

The plenary will meet again in 1952 at Geneva, Switzerland, and again for the centennial conference in 1955 at Paris.

YMCA Southern Area Council 1951 Meet Set For Memphis

Fifty young laymen and professional workers in the YMCA in the South met at the Dryades Street, YMCA in New Orleans for a three-day conference, July 28-30. The theme of the conference was "Planning for Security in a Changing Social Order," as released by W. O. Powell, Associate Secretary of the Southern Area Council YMCA, Atlanta, Georgia.

This marked the first time that young women who are actively engaged in the co-ed groups of local Associations participated in this Area Conference on a large scale. Their presence necessitates the changing of the name of the annual conference from the South-wide Young Men's Assembly to the Southern Area Young Adult Assembly.

Leo Bergman Marsh, Program Services, National Council YMCA, New York, gave the keynote address. Other outstanding leaders included Rev. Robert Hill, pastor Mt. Zion Methodist Church, New Orleans; Dr. Benjamin Quarles, Dean Dillard University, New Orleans; J. W. McPherson, Executive Secretary, New Orleans Urban League, and W. H. Mitchell, Jr., Executive Secretary Dryades St. YMCA, New Orleans.

The Associations represented at the conference were Birmingham, Ala.; Winston-Salem, N. C.; Montgomery, Ala.; Bogalusa, La.; Memphis, Tenn.; Baton Rouge, La.; Louisville, Ky.; Jackson, Miss.; Shreveport, La.; Vicksburg, Miss.; Savannah, Georgia; and New Orleans, La.

The delegates elected Alvin S. Bynum, New Orleans, as president for 1950-51. Other officers elected are: Vice-presidents, Jesse Alexander, Louisville, and Charles Cannan, New Orleans; Secretaries, Miss Dorothy Barnes, Jackson, and Edward Seals, Jr., New Orleans; Chaplain, Lenon Allison, Jackson; Reporter, Robert M. Baker, Louisville; Parliamentarian, Marshall Harriston, Winston-Salem; and Treasurer, W. E. Crawford, Jr., Memphis.

The delegation voted to hold its 1951 Meeting at Memphis, Tenn. with the Lauderdale Branch YMCA as host.

Along with Charles Lawrence executive secretary of the Lauderdale Branch YMCA delegates to the conference included Miss Lillian Maxey, Howell Henderson, and W. E. Crawford, Jr.